

CHAMPAGNE MOBS RUN WILD

BURN BUILDINGS, LOOT PROPERTY, FIGHT THE TROOPS.

Marne Wine Workers Enraged at Proposal to Let the Aube into Golden Bubble Area—Women Fling Themselves Before Cavalry—Ministry Wins a Vote.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

PARIS, April 12.—Infantry and mounted troops have been arriving at Epernay last night and this morning from all points of the compass, and they are encountering burning ruins everywhere. Many formerly prosperous villages have been laid waste. Troops to the number of 10,000 men have arrived in the disturbed region.

Between 7 o'clock and midnight the number of women to join the vine dressers increased in great numbers. The rioters became almost ferocious. Not only were the troops jeered but they were bombarded with stones, and at Ay a child hurled a bomb that exploded and injured three cavalrymen.

Pillagers have joined the rioters and several mansions have been sacked. The rioters declare that if the troops succeed in dislodging them from Epernay they will march to Reims.

The Cabinet Council met to-night and decided to despatch eight regiments to the scene of trouble. Bordeaux vine dressers held a meeting for the purpose of challenging the Government to interfere in the delimitation.

Rioters attempted to burn the historic castle of the Duc de Montebello near Epernay, but were driven off by troops.

EFERNAY, France, April 12.—The manifestations of the wine growers in the Department of the Marne against the restoration of the Department of the Aube to the delimited champagne district, which began last night with the destruction of 30,000 gallons of wine at Dizy-Magenta and similar devastation in other communes, were continued to-day.

The rioting is due to the action of the Senate yesterday in adopting a resolution asking the Cabinet to reintegrate Aube as part of the district.

Aube was left out of the other official Champagne area in the law passed in 1908, stringent application of which was begun a few weeks ago, although it is a wine growing region and part of the ancient province of that name. The wine growers there have been clamoring for its restoration, but this was opposed by the departments included in the delimited area.

The people are greatly exasperated over the action of the Senate and talk of reprisals if any further action toward the restoration of Aube to the delimited district is taken. Four municipal councillors of the Department of the Marne have resigned.

About 8 o'clock this morning the firing of signal bombs, the ringing of tocsin alarms and the blowing of trumpets at Dizy gave the signal for the Marne vine dressers to march upon Ay, fourteen miles south of Reims. Thousands succeeded in entering the town in spite of the attempts of the soldiers to keep them out. Many others, however, were driven away by the troops.

This was accomplished with the greatest difficulty, as the women and children among the mobsters threw themselves on the ground before the horses of the cavalrymen and refused to move. Many of the 8,000 manifestants had serious wounds received from the swords of the troopers in last night's effort.

Six business houses at Damery, four miles from here, were wrecked from top to bottom during the rioting last night. The private houses of the men who owned the business places were also sacked. The house of M. Perrier, which suffered severely during the rioting of last January, was completely devastated. Even the iron gate at the front was twisted off.

At noon the rioters at Ay attempted to form and march back to Epernay. The cavalry made several charges in an attempt to prevent the rioters from carrying out their purpose.

The vine dressers broke through the ranks of troops at 2 o'clock and attacked the cellars of Ayale de Vancastel at Ay. They sacked and burned houses and then marched to Epernay. They stopped a while outside the town and entered in small detachments. In this way they outwitted the troops and got into the place without any fighting.

The rioters were speedily masters of Epernay. They sacked and burned the houses of Condot & Castelfor. The banks and business houses closed down. The dragons made several charges with drawn swords and many persons were injured. Some soldiers were also hurt. Five rioters were arrested and taken to the Correctional Court, which entered on a continuous session.

Rioting did not cease this evening. At Ay the establishment of Dentz, Gelderman & Galois was fired. The rioters also turned the establishment of Gauthier & Durvin, the flames reaching the outbuildings of the Mayne house.

Several other establishments were sacked, the vine dressers not contenting themselves with simply destroying buildings. More troops have been ordered to the scene of the disorders.

The rioters threw up barricades around in order to stop the cavalry from operating. The Procureur of the Republic tried to make arrests at Ventell this morning but was unable to move about with his automobile owing to the amount of broken glass from the champagne bottles in the streets.

The rioters who set fire to the wine cellars of Raymond de Castellane at Dizy-Magenta last night found material for starting the blaze in the straw which covered and protected the vines from frost in the vineyards.

PARIS, April 12.—The Chamber of Deputies probably will be divided on the question of delimitation. If anything the majority, as in the Senate, opposes the system. But when interpellations brought the subject forward this evening the Ministry after a noisy session obtained a vote of confidence of 253 to 97, showing that some 200 Deputies had not voted.

The Chamber does not desire a Ministry of crisis at a time when the budget, after months of belated, seems within a few days of conclusion, and when a new Ministry would interfere with the official work of the President's Ministers, which is to begin on Tuesday.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO CHASE BABY.

Mother Had Left Him Asleep When She Went Visiting in Next Car.

OMAHA, Neb., April 12.—Mrs. Harlan O. Hollister of Elmira, N. Y., had an exciting chase across Nebraska to-day in a special train, the object of the pursuit being the fast express on the Union Pacific Railroad which had carried off her six-month-old baby while Mrs. Hollister visited friends in the next car.

Mrs. Hollister and baby were going to Denver to join Mr. Hollister, who is in that city. Mrs. Hollister arrived on an early train from New York and laying the baby, which was sleeping, on a seat she went into the next car to visit with friends, knowing her train was not to leave for half an hour.

Just before train time she returned to her own car, but found that the coach had been moved. Badly frightened she searched among the trains standing at the station and not finding her car hurried to the depot officials.

There she discovered that her car had been attached to the Pacific Express and for half an hour had been flying toward San Francisco. The express is a through train and no scheduled train for the West could overtake it. The Union Pacific general officials were got on the telephone and a special train was ordered for Mrs. Hollister's benefit.

At Grand Island, 150 miles west of Omaha, the special overtook the express and Mrs. Hollister rushed into her old car to find the baby still sleeping peacefully just where she had left it.

The railroad made no charge for the special train.

MRS. MACKAY RESIGNS.

Her "Plans Too Uncertain" for Retention of Equal Suffrage Presidency.

Mrs. Clarence Mackay announced yesterday that she had resigned the presidency of the Equal Franchise Society.

"You must not interpret this as an indication that my interest in the cause of woman suffrage has in any way lessened," she said to reporters whom she summoned to her office in the Metropolitan tower. "The work to secure the political expression of my sex is to me the vital issue of the day and our cause must always be the greatest interest I have to strive for."

"In considering the plans for our society's propaganda in the coming months, however, I find that it will be absolutely necessary for the president to do a great deal of additional work in this office besides much traveling and speaking in outside districts. My plans for the immediate future are so uncertain that it is not possible for me to commit myself to the necessary engagements. In justice to the work that should be done I feel that it is only fair to this organization that I should resign from the presidency."

Mrs. Mackay added that her resignation had been presented at a meeting of the board of directors, which had just adjourned, and had been accepted.

She will remain a member of the board and will continue to pay the rent of the tower offices. Mrs. Richard Aldrich, first vice-president of the society, will act as president until the annual meeting in December.

TOOK MR. IDDINGS' TIME.

Then He Recognizes a Fellow Passenger Whom the Paris Police Also Know.

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ROME, April 12.—Lewis Morris Iddings, formerly Consul-General for the United States at Cairo, was robbed of his watch and chain in a street car here to-day. The police arrested a notorious pickpocket, whom Mr. Iddings recognized later as a fellow passenger.

Singularly enough, ten years ago Mr. Iddings while riding on a street car in Rome was robbed in a similar manner of the self-same watch. At that time the watch was recovered.

MRS. DUGLAS' GEMS MISSING.

New York Woman's \$2,800 Worth of Diamonds Lost in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, April 12.—Detectives are searching for the \$2,800 worth of jewelry missing from the home of C. W. Bassett, general passenger agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Mrs. J. F. Douglas, who lives at the Sherman Square Hotel, New York, a sister of Mrs. Bassett, is the owner of the jewelry. She came to Baltimore on Sunday to look after the Bassett household while her sister underwent an operation in a hospital.

The detectives have not found a clue to the jewelry. The police think that Mrs. Douglas in her excitement may have mislaid the articles.

Detective Captain McGovern gives the missing jewels the following description: Two stone diamond ring valued at \$400; two stone diamond ring valued at \$1,200; diamond crescent bracelet; 12 large stones, finished on ends with rose diamonds; \$200; plaque of nine large diamonds set in platinum and finished in rose diamonds, \$500.

WATCHMAN SHOTS CAPT. COOK.

Cavalry Officer Gets Into Row With San Francisco Market Man.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Capt. Frank A. Cook of the Twelfth Cavalry, who recently returned from Manila, got some bad scalp cuts and a bullet wound in his side early this morning when he attempted to whip the night watchman of the Spreckels market on Market street, near Third.

Cook got into a row with the watchman, who was cleaning the floor of the market. The watchman pulled a pistol, beat Cook over the head and then shot twice at him, one bullet taking effect in his right lung.

When taken into the operating room at the Central Emergency Hospital Cook was recognized by Dr. G. M. Terrill, who had seen him since the two were together hunting Geronimo, the famous Apache chief in 1880. Capt. Cook led this hunt after Geronimo and Gen. Leonard Wood, now at the head of the army, was a conspicuous figure. Terrill was the surgeon in Cook's company.

Cook, who will recover, was very remorseful to-day. He is from Providence, R. I., and is a West Pointer, but was out of the army for years, returning at the outbreak of the Spanish war.

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SCORES INJURED AND MUCH PROPERTY DESTROYED.

Schoolhouses Demolished and Pupils Hurt. Half Storm, Accompanying Twister, Does Much Harm to Glass and Trees—Many Greenhouses Wrecked.

PAWUSKA, Okla., April 12.—Eight persons are known to have been killed, between twenty-five and thirty injured, many fatally, and the entire town of Big Heart, fifteen miles south of here, swept away by a tornado which struck there about 5 o'clock this evening.

Big Heart has a population of about 400. Only one building is said to remain standing. Three of the known dead have been recovered. They are John Krens, Fred Hammond and William Marlowe.

The tornado formed southwest of the city in the traditional funnel form and came without warning. People fled from the crashing buildings, only to be struck down in the streets by flying timber or picked up and carried away through the air.

About 100 Indians were camped near the village. The storm struck them first, tearing down their tents and scattering them about. Several of the Indians are reported to have been killed or injured.

The first news of the destruction was received at Pawhuska about an hour after the tornado had passed. A relief train carrying physicians and nurses was sent from Pawhuska. Another was organized at Ivant, south of Big Heart.

The dead and wounded will be brought here or taken to Tulsa, where proper hospital facilities and medical attention can be had.

At Big Heart to-night 400 people are homeless. The work of recovering the dead and wounded from the debris and wreckage is being carried on by lantern light and progress is slow. Many of the bodies were carried far beyond the scene of destruction and searching parties are hunting for them in the fields.

Timbers from the demolished buildings are said to have been found half a mile from where they were picked up.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 12.—A tornado that swept through northeastern Kansas this afternoon killed twenty persons, injured thirty others and damaged and ruined buildings worth \$500,000.

The storm struck first at Eskridge, southwest of Topeka. Twenty-six people were injured there, one seriously. Most of the injured are school children. The storm struck just as the children were dismissed from school. The roof of the building was blown off and the children were injured by flying timbers.

The storm then jumped to Corbett's barn, west of Topeka. The barn was demolished and several horses were killed. From this point the storm jumped thirty miles northeast. Mrs. David Stone was probably fatally injured at Netawaka. The storm then swept along for eight miles.

Lightning killed James Rosenbaum at Geringtown, and a schoolhouse three miles east of Hiawatha was demolished, killing one girl and injuring three others who had taken refuge there.

At Eskridge twenty houses and about thirty barns were demolished. From Netawaka, through Whiting and Geringtown, a distance of eight miles, more than seventy houses and barns are said to have been wrecked. Several hundred head of cattle, horses and hogs were killed by flying debris.

SHAWNEE, Okla., April 12.—A tornado swept across a large area five miles north of here to-night wrecking several barns and causing much damage to fruit trees. The corn crop was damaged. Half stones as large as hen's eggs fell, damaging the corn crop. Several orchards were laid low by the wind. It was the first "twister" in over a year.

At Eskridge, Kan., April 12.—A tornado which struck this city at half past 5 o'clock did thousands of dollars damage to buildings and growing crops.

Hailstones as large as pigeon eggs ruined every greenhouse in the city and broke hundreds of windows. The ground was covered an inch deep with hail when the tornado had passed. The roof was torn from the residence of B. B. Wolfe, a wealthy merchant, and slammed against a drug store, breaking out the plate glass. Scores of sheds and out-houses were overturned. The telephone companies report about 600 telephones out of commission.

All toll lines are down and the street lights are out. So many cables are down it is deemed dangerous to turn on the current.

The beautiful greenhouses at the Soldiers' Home and at St. Mary's Academy suffered greatly. At the home the big palm houses, covered with expensive imported ground glass, were demolished. It contains \$10,000 worth of palms, which it is feared, are ruined. Hailstones as large as hen eggs fell at the home.

Fort Leavenworth got off with little damage. Reports from west of the city and from Platte county indicate that great damage was done to farm buildings and crops. The storm lasted about half an hour. The tents and show fronts of a carnival company were blown down, but fortunately the crowds had left there before the storm came.

OMAHA, April 12.—A tornado passed near Oconto, Oconto county, Nebraska, just at dark to-night. Much damage is reported from country districts. Rural telephone wires are all down.

FORT SMITH, Ark., April 12.—A terrible hailstorm struck Fort Smith to-night. The stones were of record size and broke many windows.

Boy Rescued From Whaler's Hold. SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Melvin Donlin, a thirteen-year-old boy, was rescued from the hold of the whaler Letitia just before she was ready to sail for the Arctic today. The boy ran away from home on Sunday. He says that the third mate of the whaler induced him to leave home with stories of adventurous life at sea and large wages made by the crew. A sailor who got drunk told of the boy's rescue and this led to his rescue.

Verdict for Coutant's Widow. A verdict in favor of Mrs. Margaret R. Coutant, widow of Charles A. Coutant, who brought suit against her step-daughter, Mrs. Jennie C. Mason, to obtain possession of furniture and other things which had belonged to Mr. Coutant, and which Mrs. Mason was holding, was brought in late yesterday in the Supreme Court. The jury awarded Mrs. Coutant \$250 damages and \$5,000 in case Mrs. Mason should continue to withhold the furniture. As the verdict was not in proper form Justice Peniston sent the jury back, directing that a sealed verdict be brought in this morning.

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NEW AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA.

W. Rockhill, Who Goes to Constantinople, Will Fill the Vacancy There Which Has Existed Since the Resignation of Oscar S. Straus.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Curtis Guild, Jr., former Governor of Massachusetts, was appointed American Ambassador to Russia to-day. He will succeed W. W. Rockhill of the District of Columbia, who will be transferred from St. Petersburg to Constantinople as American Ambassador to Turkey. These changes in the diplomatic service are the first of a series which will be made within the next few months. The nominations will be sent to the Senate to-morrow.

The transfer of Ambassador Rockhill from St. Petersburg to Constantinople will fill the vacancy there which has existed since the resignation of Oscar S. Straus. In the interim John R. Carter of Maryland, Minister to the Balkan States, has been serving at Constantinople. He will return to Bucharest as soon as Mr. Rockhill arrives at his post.

Mr. Guild is a native of Boston and is 31 years old. He is a graduate of Harvard and the University of Geneva. During the Spanish war he served as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Seventh Army Corps. He was Governor of Massachusetts from 1906 to 1908. Last fall he went to Mexico as chairman of the American delegation to the Mexican Centennial.

Another appointment to the Diplomatic Corps which will be announced shortly is that of James O. Davidson, former Minister to Wisconsin, to be Minister to Colombia. He will succeed Elliott Northcott of West Virginia, who was recently named as Minister to Nicaragua.

DOGGED AND WAS KILLED.

William Koch Crossed in Front of Mrs. Glascoe's Automobile.

William Koch, 55 years old, of 323 Hudson street, Hoboken, a salesman employed by Emil Koch, a paper manufacturer of 172 Reade street, was killed by an automobile yesterday afternoon at Seventh avenue and 144th street. The machine, according to the police, was owned and driven by Mrs. Elizabeth Glascoe of 381 Van Cortlandt avenue, The Bronx.

Mrs. Glascoe, with her eleven-year-old daughter, was on her way home when Mr. Koch started to cross the street ahead of the automobile. The man apparently became confused and dodged in front of the car.

Mr. Koch's body was taken to the West 125th street station. Mrs. Glascoe went to the police station and told the lieutenant in charge that the accident was unavoidable. She said that she had tried her best to avoid the man and had put on the brake, but that he dodged directly in front of her. Mr. Koch's body was identified by a member of the firm for which he worked.

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HIS FRIENDSHIPS PAID HIM

SOMETIME AMHERST STUDENT FOND OF BORROWING RINGS.

Former Beta Theta Pi Pawned His Own and Others' Things—Owes Bills at Restaurants and Hotels Here and Elsewhere—Blames New York Fever.

A young man who gives his name as John Townsend Miller and says his grandfather, John Miller, was once president, and his father, John Francis Miller, once secretary of a fire insurance company in Wall street, was arrested yesterday afternoon at Thirty-fourth street and Sixth avenue on a charge of grand larceny made by Alice Johnson, a bookkeeper, of 21 West Eleventh street. Miss Johnson says that Miller borrowed a watch from her on March 18 and failed to return it. She valued the watch at \$100. At Police Headquarters Miller's pockets revealed a stack of pawn tickets and he proceeded to tell about them. Jewelry belonging to other women than Miss Johnson figured in his story.

Miller says he is 22 years old and has been living in a boarding house kept by Mrs. Sarah Waters, where Miss Johnson lived. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Francis Miller, he says live at 28 Snowden place, Ridgefield, N. J. The son says he was a student at Amherst for a year and some months, leaving college about two years ago. While in Amherst he says he was a member of Beta Theta Pi. Since leaving college he says he has been studying medicine, "off and on," and that about the Roosevelt and other hospitals where he was when he was called Doc.

His father, he says, retired from business for a time and then took a place with the Lincoln Trust Company. Later he gave this up. His mother, with an income of her own, kept the son supplied with spending money. Recently, however, she has provided only enough for real necessities. For two years past, he says, he has been associating with persons whom he ought not to have known. His mother got him out of several scrapes before she finally gave him up. "I got the New York fever," was the way he summed up the cause of his troubles.

At first he pawned what he could of his own property and then, he says, he began pawning the property of others.

Here are the articles called for by the pawn tickets found in Miller's pockets and the amounts he got on them: Ring, \$450; pin, 50 cents; diamond pin, \$7; bracelet, \$2; suit, \$4; gold pin, \$2; pin and ring, \$5; silver cigarette case, \$3; suit, \$12; diamond ring, \$10; gold ring, \$1; pin, \$1.50; gold chain, \$5; pin, \$4; watch chain, \$4; diamond scarfpin, \$7; ring, \$4.50; pair of skates, 80 cents; diamond pin, \$15; gold watch, out of order, \$4; diamond ring, \$20; diamond ring, \$5; diamond ring, \$10.

Four of the articles enumerated, according to Miller, never belonged to him and were borrowed from various women. Of these he says the ring on which he got \$450 is owned by Miss Dorothy Posner of 301 West Ninety-second street. Miller says that he met Miss Posner in Atlantic City last summer while he was at the resort with his parents. He did not see her again, he says, until April 1, when in a motor with a party of friends he met Miss Posner and a party in another machine in Central Park West. The two machines were stopped and he says he climbed into the machine with Miss Posner and her friends and continued the ride with them. He noticed a large diamond and emerald ring on Miss Posner's finger and says that at his request she allowed him to take it "to wear it a few days." He did wear it a few days and then pawned it on April 7. The ring he says is worth about \$1,800.

Miller says he got other rings from a Miss Miller, who, he said, was chief telephone operator at the Grand Central Station, and a Miss Butler, a nurse at Roosevelt Hospital. He said that he also went to Jim Churchill, proprietor of Churchill's restaurant, and told him that friends had just stolen him a pair of poultry and that he was going to settle down and raise chickens. On the strength of this story, he says, he was able to run up a bill of \$292.84 at the restaurant. He says that Mr. Churchill wrote his father about the incident, but that so far as he knows the bill has not been paid. He says he also owes money to the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia and the Hotel Victoria, New York,